

## Ben Cook

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**From:** Travis Radina  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2013 9:25 AM  
**To:** Ben Cook  
**Subject:** Written Testimony - HB 4454

Good Morning, Ben –

Please find written testimony from Allan Gale of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Metropolitan Detroit regarding HB 4454 submitted for today's meeting of the House Committee on Education.

Thank you,  
Travis

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**From:** Allan Gale, Associate Director  
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**Date:** May 1, 2013

On behalf of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Metropolitan Detroit, representing over 100 congregations and organizations in metro Detroit's Jewish community, we endorse House Bill 4454 as introduced by Representative Kate Segal.

The board of directors of the JCRC unanimously voted this endorsement at its meeting on April 4, 2013.

We agree that there is a discrimination currently standing for public school students of minority faiths, which Christians do not face. Absences for religious observance should not be counted against students who are pursuing perfect attendance awards.

We urge the legislature to adopt Representative Segal's bill and so correct an unfair and unbalanced situation.